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The following observations were made in the WEIMAR (M 51/J 57) area:

1. Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse and on Am Herrenreedchen (formerly occupied by one battalion of the German 73rd Tank Regt and two battalions of the German 1st Tank Regt):

a. Occupied by about 2,500 Soviet troops allegedly infantry troops including many 18 to 20-year-old recruits.

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c. Six so-called "100-man units" of the Thuringian border and kaserne police were quartered in a secluded section of the kaserne.

2. Flak Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse and on Zum Waldgelaende (formerly occupied by one battalion of the German 83rd AAA Regt):

a. Heavily occupied by AAA units totaling about a thousand troops.

b. Ten 76.2-mm AA guns and several guns of a somewhat larger caliber were seen in the kaserne area. Troops were trained in the kaserne yard with a large range finder and an AA machine gun.

c. Six 76.2-mm AA guns were emplaced on the large drill ground, northwest of the kaserne. The command bunker at the emplacement was connected with the kaserne by a telephone line.

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3. Luetzendorf Kaserne on Am Herrenroedchen and on Littersburgrasse and Luetzendorfstrasse (formerly occupied by two battalions of the German 73rd Armd Artillery Regt and one battalion of the German 1st Armd Inf Regt):

a. (1) Artillery unit of about eight hundred troops mostly trained soldiers. Several guns up to 100 mm caliber were seen in the kaserne area. Troops were trained with four 76.2-mm guns.

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(3) A telephone line ran from the kaserne to a spot 1,000 to 1,300 feet north of the gas works where six 76.2-mm AA guns were emplaced.

b. Signal unit of about four hundred troops.

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c. (1) Medical unit of <sup>un</sup>identified strength. Red-Cross ambulance [redacted] was observed with the unit.

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(2) Some of the quarters of the medical unit were occupied by Soviet families and by a ration supply depot [redacted]

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4. Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitz Allee and on Lueckerstrasse (formerly occupied by the German 37th Armd Sig Bn):

Occupied by a signal unit of about six hundred troops being 20 to 22 years of age.

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5. It was learned that the AEMR kommandatura was to be vacated. Furniture from the kommandatura was loaded on a truck on 5 November 1949.

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[redacted] Comment:

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[redacted] the AEMR headquarters units of the Eight Gds Army were back in their previous quarters in November 1949. The observation in AEMR of two signal units corroborates previous assumptions that, besides the 446th Sig Bn (in the Luetzendorf Kaserne?), another signal unit (91st Sig Regt in the Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitzallee?) is stationed in AEMR.